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DOYLE ANNOUNCES DIRECT FLIGHT FROM MONROE COUNTY TO BAHAMAS

County Executive Jack Doyle, along with officials from the Islands Of The Bahamas and US Airways, today announced a new direct, one-stop, daily flight from Monroe County's Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) to Nassau in the Bahamas. The US Airways flight originates at GRIA and will stop in Laquardia before continuing on to Nassau.

"I am very pleased to announce this exciting new service to the Islands of the Bahamas," said Doyle. "Today's announcement underscores my commitment to seek and support new services for the traveling public and to ensure that our airport remains the gateway of western New York."

The new service from Rochester to Nassau will begin on November 12, 2000. The Islands of the Bahamas Tourist Office has sought this additional air service to meet the need created by increased hotel inventory in their country. The Bahamas are rated as one of the Top Ten US travel agent choices and Top Ten most popular warm weather and honeymoon destinations.

"As we move forward in realizing our goals in tourism expansion, it is imperative that we unilaterally increase air lift according to our country's enormous growth in visitor infrastructure," said Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Director-General of the Islands Of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. "We need to recognize the support we are being given by the air carriers in meeting visitor demand for increased flights to the Islands Of The Bahamas."

"We are delighted to bring this new one-stop Nassau service to our Rochester area travelers," said US Airways Senior Vice President of Planning Gregory T. Taylor. "With an early morning departure from Rochester, customers will arrive in Nassau with plenty of time to enjoy the majestic beauty of the Islands."

For flight information please contact US Airways or your local travel agent. For general information on the Islands Of The Bahamas, call 800-4-BAHAMAS or visit the official website www.bahamas.com

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